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## ***Mayor Healy to Kick-Off ‘Tapestry of Nations’ Festival Series with Annual Egyptian Celebration Showcasing the Rich History and Traditions of Egypt***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs** will kick-off the city’s “Tapestry of Nations” Ethnic Festival series this weekend with the **Annual Egyptian Festival**, which will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, June 27th, 2009** at the **PATH Plaza Concourse at Journal Square**.

“I encourage everyone to join the festivities and enjoy one of the world’s richest cultures,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Every year, festival goers can indulge in authentic Egyptian cuisine while soaking up the atmosphere filled with the sights, smells, and sounds of Egypt.

The day-long festival will feature traditional Egyptian music and dance, such as the “horse dance,” and children’s entertainment. Posters, drawings, and photographs depicting ancient and modern Egypt will be exhibited courtesy of the Tourist Department of the Egyptian Consulate. Festival goers can satisfy their appetites with shish kebobs, falafels, and other traditional ethnic fare.

Sponsored by the City of Jersey City in conjunction with the Egyptian Committee, the whole family can participate in an unforgettable celebration of one of the oldest and richest cultures in the world. At this patriotic time of year, what better way to celebrate America than to immerse oneself in the rich diversity of Jersey City.

**This event is free and open to the public. For more information on the Egyptian Festival, contact the division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.**

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